sports fields at 27 places. of these so far 7 projects have been approved and a sum of Rs. 2.89 lakhs has been sanctioned. Proposals for 15 projects have been received in November, 1987.

(c) The funds released to the Govt. of Rajasthan for the development of sports fields for the last three years are:

(i) 1984-85	0.40
(ii) 1985-86	—
(iii) 1986-87	2.98

Telephone on demand

1816. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any plans to achieve the goal of 'telephone on demand' by a particular date;

(b) if so, what is the number of additional telephone lines which would have to be provided to be taken to achieve the goal; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to achieve the goal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) The Department of Communications has proposed a perspective plan to provide telephones practically on demand by the year 200 A.D.

It has been estimated that this will call for increasing the number of direct exchange lines to about two crores from the present about 35 lakhs, by the turn of the century.

It has been further estimated that this will call for an investment of the order of Rs. 50,000 crores during the next 13 years.

The perspective plan on the above lines is being submitted to the Planning Commission for consideration. If it is found feasible to find resources to this extent, the necessary steps will be taken to:

(i) set up adequate manufacturing capacity;

(ii) acquire lands to construct buildings;

(iii) order equipment; and

(iv) undertake installations in a phased manner.

Reconstruction of Dawki bridge

1817. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the existing suspension bridge over Dawki river can no longer safety be used; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to reconstruct a new bridge over the Dawki river.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The existing Dawki bridge is safe for class IX loading only with restriction of traffic.

(b) Yes, Sir. The reconstruction of the bridge across Pyan river at Dawki to cater for heavy & increased traffic is included in the 7th Five Year Plan.

Allotment of works of Allahabad loco shed

1818. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided by Government to scrap the decision to allot Goods & Parcels|Coal|Ash pit cleaning and cinder picking contracts etc. to Labour Cooperative Societies without call of tenders; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons for inviting 'Open Tenders' from General Contractors for allotment of coal handling and related works contract of Allahabad Loco Shed against the policy directive on the subject issued by the Ministry of Railways?